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C. P. Wooley, Interviewed.

C. P. Wooley, of Victoria, a director of the Cassiar Central Railway and also of the Casca Trading Co., made the Journal office a very pleasant call on Wednesday last. Mr. Wooley is an old-time newspaper man and at present the accredited correspondent of the London Times. His present standing among business men generally and newspaper men in particular, makes every thing he says very interesting reading. Being asked for his opinion regarding this country he said, that he had been in this country only one year and being heavily interested here he made it a rule not to talk much about the country for fear of being accused of talking from a selfish motive. "I will say," continued Mr. Wooley, "that both companies of which I am a director, have done all we expected to do and are thoroughly satisfied. Next year we will do much more than we did this year and I have no doubt it is but a short time before this country will equal the Kootenay country. The great trouble with this country is that people came here with a rush expecting to find large returns quickly, but thoroughly unprepared to endure hardships in order to secure riches. The failure to build a railway was no drawback to such men, for had a railway been built this year, these men would simply have gone to the terminus of the railway and after staying at that point for a while, would have come out and abused the country the same as they have done. Regarding the building of the Cassiar railway, I will say that the Cassiar Central will be built as soon as we are satisfied that the country will justify us in building it and not before. As I said before, we are satisfied as far as we have gone."

A Glenora Merchant's Story.

J. J. Clarifue, the old-time packer and merchant from Glenora, came down on the Casca and will go to Victoria for the winter. To a Journal representative Mr. Clarifue stated that the future outlook for Glenora was very promising. Asked regarding the persons who had returned from Glenora and abused this country, he stated that to his personal knowledge, most of the so called prospectors who had been up the Stikeen river to Glenora, had simply gone into camp and spent their days sleeping and eating and their nights carousing. Mr. Clarifue mentioned particularly a party of eight who had been grub-staked by eastern capitalists. This party arrived in Glenora and made camp near the town, early in May, after which they simply did nothing but eat up the food they had and spend their money for liquor, after which they returned to their backers without having done a particle of prospecting, and reported the country a failure and the Stikeen river route a fake. It is such men, continued the old pioneer, who are the loudest in their denunciations of this wonderfully rich country.

The Lost Rocker Found.

There has been a great deal of talk about the "Lost Rocker" during the past 50 years. Some men have dreamed about it; some men have had visions about it; some men have conversed with "spirits" about it and some men have become raving maniacs over it. The Irish have hunted for it; the Scotch and English have looked for it; Italians, Chinamen and even the Swedes have spent time and money chasing after it, and at last the Dutch have found it.

Everybody knows P. Bergfeld, the irrepressible dutchman, he is the man. Pete has made several mysterious trips during the past summer, either alone or with a kloochman—I mean Indian. He returned the other night and yesterday he invited our reporter to go and see the "lost rocker." He kept saying "Eureka, Eureka" and we thought he wanted us to go and take a drink with him at the Eureka brewery, but he said "man, Eureka means 'I have found it.'" And so he had. Some 20 years ago a steamer was wrecked near Farragut bay, and amongst other things washed ashore was a baby's rocker. Pete found it. He took it up and wanted Bob Reed to put it in the safe. Poor fellow, just what asylum W. D. will take him to we have not learned.

Surprise Party

Tuesday last was Mrs. T. J. Case's birthday, and it will long be remembered by herself and a large number of her friends and neighbors. Miss Cecelia Baronovich and Miss Agnes Young engineered a surprise party for Mrs. Case which was a success from start to finish. They got Mrs. Case to go up and spend the evening with Mrs. T. G. Wilson. As soon as she was safely out of the house the guests began to arrive, as if by magic, and by 8 o'clock the house was filled with as jolly a crowd as ever met together. Miss Cecelia went to the store and told Mr. Case that Mrs. Case was sick and to come at once. Miss Agnes rushed up to Mr. Wilson's and told Mrs. Case Tom was very sick and to come home at once. They both came on the run, and it is needless to say the surprise was a success. Mrs. Case almost collapsed and Tom nearly had a fit. Then the fun began and for three solid hours it was fast and furious. When the clock struck eleven the two young hostesses served a delicious lunch. Mr. Tait voiced the sentiments of all present when he arose and remarked: "I have not had such a good time since I was vaccinated." Mrs. Case was the recipient of a large number of handsome birthday presents. Misses Cecelia and Miss Agnes sang "Good Night Ladies" and the happy crowd wended their way home, wishing Mrs. Case's birthday would come often.

A Real Prospector's Story.

M. C. Marston, an old-time prospector, came down the river last week in a small boat in route to Vancouver, where he will spend the winter and return in the spring. Mr. Marston made the Journal office a friendly call while in the city and related his experiences while mining in the upper Stikeen country. He is very enthusiastic about this country and says that next year will see some wonderful development work on the Stikeen river. Asked regarding the character of the men who came to this country, Mr. Marston said, that not one in a hundred were worthy to be called prospectors. They had simply come here and after staying a few months without having panned a shovelful of dirt had returned to condemn the country. The legitimate prospector can find in the country surrounding Glenora as good a field upon which to work as is to be found anywhere. He hoped that another year would see some good prospectors in this country to assist in its development.

The Ladies' Aid Society

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Sundmacher, on Nov. 3d. All the ladies are requested to be present as this is a business meeting. Mrs. Roundtree, Secretary.

The Ladies' Aid Society are making extensive preparations for the Halloween entertainment which they will give in the opera house next Monday night and the event promises to be a grand success. The program will consist of old fashioned games, candy pulling, ducking for apples, etc. Booths will be arranged for the sale of candy, lemonade, and other good things. Light refreshments, including old-fashioned pumpkin pie and coffee like your mother used to make, will be served for a small charge. The people of Wrangel should not miss this opportunity of getting together and having a good time. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged at the door.

Business Men.

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An Outrage.

Early in the week a brutal assault was committed upon Lilly Sullivan, a young native girl in the employ of Rev. Dr. Thwing, by Mrs. Mulcahey, a notorious woman residing in Wrangel. The trouble arose over a few words between the child of Mrs. Mulcahey and the Sullivan girl, and resulted in Mrs. Mulcahey pulling the Sullivan child off a roof and beating her into insensibility. Tender hands lifted the unconscious form from the ground and carried it to the residence of Rev. Dr. Thwing, where for two days her life was despaired of. The constant care of two physicians finally restored the child to consciousness and she is now in a fair way to recovery. Efforts have been made by certain parties to hush the matter up, and as yet no move has been made to punish the guilty party. A Journal representative called on Marshall Grant to ascertain what had been done in the matter and was informed that it was the duty of the Rev. Dr. Thwing, as custodian of the child, to file a complaint, when he would be pleased to act.

The offender is a woman who came here from Juneau where she had a bad reputation. Since she came to Wrangel she has not improved it in the least. Last summer she nearly killed her poor old mother with a chair in a fit of passion.

The public is asking the question: How long is such a person to be allowed to run loose. The public should be protected against such persons and it is the duty of the custodian of the child, who is a public servant, to file a complaint at once. Wrangel is not in such need of an "Alaska Princess" that our people should be made to suffer such an outrage.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Ranch eggs strictly fresh at Hunt's. The Alki has changed her sailing day and is expected from the sound tomorrow bringing mail.

The prospecting steamer, Gypsy Queen, which has been at work during the summer on the Stikeen river, returned to Wrangel Wednesday.

J. L. Romer, the popular agent of the McKinnon Wharf Co., celebrated a birthday this week. Asked how old he was, Romer jocularly stated, well, I am old enough to vote.

The Y. M. C. A. gave a very pleasant entertainment at the reading room, in the Seward block, on Wednesday evening. Music and light refreshments were the features of the evening's enjoyment.

The river steamer Casca, Capt. Gray, has made her last trip up the river this year and has been put in shape and sent to Victoria for the winter. On her last trip up the river she found the water very low and was only able to reach a point two miles above the ice mountain, where she cached her cargo and returned with a lot of mules which had been brought down on scows.

Chips Cole returned from the work at the Brixham this week, where he has been for two weeks past. Chips reports the steamer lying in a very bad place with her hull badly stove in. The crew have all been taken off except the captain and two men who remain in charge at the wreck. There is little likelihood of anything being saved of the boat and a heavy storm will result in her going to pieces.

John Jacob Astor, sometimes called George Clark, is steadily increasing his realty holdings in Wrangel. Last week it was the Bullock property and this week it is the Rice property, east of the Seward block. Jacob has also gone extensively into the boat business and his extensive ship yard is fast filling with all kinds of craft, mostly wooden, which will be used next season as prospectors. Go it Jake, you are the stuff.

W. H. Fife and his charming wife are going to leave Wrangel for the north about November 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Fife came to Wrangel early in the year and at once made themselves very popular with the people here, and their many friends in Wrangel have reason to regret the fact that they are going, and the best wishes of all will follow them to the new field into which they will enter.

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The columns of this paper are open to communications on any subject of interest to the public. Let us hear from you.

It is better to occasionally lose a small account than to lose your temper in trying to collect from some kind of people.

Losing a hundred dollars a month in profit to save ten dollars a month in advertising is shortsightedness. Business economy should begin with a liberal advertising appropriation which should be increased as the business grows.

The indifferent man will never succeed in any undertaking. To be successful one must not only believe in his own power and ability to win, but must make enough headway to demonstrate to his entire satisfaction that he is on the highway to riches. When this is accomplished all signs of diffidence are dispelled.

There has been a great deal of promiscuous shooting in our city of late, one case nearly resulting in a fatality. This indiscriminate use of fire arms should be stopped at once. Persons should confine their shooting to times when there is occasion for shooting and not indulge in shooting for the fun of it, without regard to whether or not there happens to be a citizen within range. It is the duty of our marshall to protect human life by arresting every person caught using fire arms within the city limits.

The JOURNAL is pleased to learn that there is to be a meeting of the Wrangel Chamber of Commerce on next Monday evening, Oct. 31st, called specially with a view of taking action regarding the much needed improvements to our courthouse and jail. All the members of the Chamber of Commerce should if they think anything of Wrangel, attend this meeting and join in an effort to obtain a part of the appropriation made by Congress for public buildings in Alaska. There are other subjects needing attention which the JOURNAL will touch on later, but the first and foremost subject is regarding the government buildings which are a disgrace to the government and an eyesore to every resident of this city. Let everyone turn out and do their share and before long the results will be made manifest.

The people who are coming down the river nowadays, bring more encouraging reports from the interior than have ever been brought down before. Instead of hearing the stories of persons who came here with an idea that they could pitch a tent and have the Lord rain gold on the roof

of it, and failing in this, leave the country without lifting their hand to develop it and abuse every thing and every one connected with it. We now hear the stories of the prospectors, men who came here prepared to endure hardships and privations in order to obtain the precious metal. These men are unanimous in their opinion that this country is as good a country as is to be found anywhere, and the field for development work is something enormous. Many of these men are leaving very good claims to which they will return in the spring, prepared to push development work and place their property on a good paying basis.

The Hawaiian Star says that according to the congressional committee, the islands will be called the Territory of Hawaii and have one representative in congress. The governor is to be appointed by the President and paid \$5,000 or \$6,000 a year. Hawaii will have a legislature and make its own local laws, subject to approval of congress. To vote for a senator an elector must possess an annual income of \$600. In everything else the franchise is free and unrestricted by qualification.

Are the Hawaiian islands to receive greater recognition than Alaska?

Scarcely a day passes that some man does not come into this office with specimens of free milling quartz or coarse gold washed from the bars and benches along the upper Stikeen river and from Dease and Teslin lake. In another column will be found an account of a visit from Mr. C. P. Wooley, of Victoria. Mr. Wooley is satisfied with the country, so is Mr. Pike, so is Mr. Clarihue and hundreds of others. They think it is a good country and are going to stay with it. The Canadian Development Company and the Hudson Bay Company think it is a good country, and those who stay with the country will reap the reward their perseverance merits.

Congress convenes in Washington, D. C., on Monday Dec. 5th next, just five weeks hence. It is expected that at that time legislation will be enacted for Alaska that will in a measure at least meet the requirements of this territory, but, what are the requirements of this territory and what is being done to see that Congress does not pass laws that will be even worse than our present laws? Is it not for the public of Alaska to say what their requirements are and assist our law makers in framing such laws as will meet the requirements? Then comes the question! Who are the people of Alaska? Is it not a fact that a great many of them live in Wrangel and the country tributary to Wrangel? What are the people doing in the matter?

Other cities in Alaska are taking action looking to the making of laws suitable to meet the requirements from their standpoint. In the meantime Wrangel does absolutely nothing except wait for someone else to act. Is the tail always going to wag the dog—or is the dog going to wake-up and wag the tail for a change?

To those of us who have never studied our requirements it may be well to give a few of our most urgent needs, some of which are urged by the Mining Record of Juneau.

The right to choose our own local officers;

Further extension of land and timber laws of Alaska.

Power to organize municipal corporations.

Reconstruction of our judicial department.

Increased mail facilities to all points, more especially, the islands tributary to Wrangel.

Control of our own educational matters.

The right to regulate the liquor traffic.

Right to a delegate in Congress who shall be of our own choosing.

Protection to our fur and fish industries.

These are urgent necessities, and our Chamber of Commerce should join with other Chambers of Commerce in Alaska, in concerted action, looking to remedial legislation for this, the poorest governed of all of Uncle Sam's possessions.

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Captain Charles A. L. Totten, West Pointer, mathematician, writer inventor and savant, says the human race stands upon "an ominous threshold, and that March next will witness the second advent of the Lord which to ordinary intellects, means the end of the world. In the fullness of truth," he continues, "it means the end of man's haphazard, irresponsible methods and system. The 'iron crown' will be knocked off mortal brows, and with an 'iron rod' immortal hands will henceforth direct such human affairs as may survive the crisis. If this be not plain, God help the English understanding."

Captain Charles A. L. Totten, who predicts the second advent of Christ in the year 1899-1-4, is called by the world a dreamer, a man of fine, but in one line of misdirected intellect. Yet as a matter of fact, Captain Totten is one of the few men whose prophecies, wild as they appear, are studied carefully and approached with respect by the scientific men of the age. They are read and studied, perhaps, not with any shade of belief in them, but because of the depth of the research which they display, and of the mathematical mind analytical almost beyond precedent of which they give evidence. Totten's name is respected all over Europe.

This artillery officer bases his predictions on the Bible and mathematics. He made a prophecy seven years ago, and said that just before the end there would be a military era. The Spanish-American war, he now says, is the fulfillment of the prediction. There was a strong hint in the foretelling that an Anglo-Saxon people would be arrayed against another race in war. Behold fulfillment the second! Russia and England are to dispute and perhaps go to war over the eastern question. Lo, fulfillment, in part, the third! Will fulfillment the fourth come with the second advent?

Totten says of himself, his prophecy and his work: "I am a Christian and an orthodox on the apostolic basis. I have studied the Bible with searching scrutiny. Before the bar of whatever mathematical and logical ability I possess, I have weighed, measured and numbered much of its historical prophetic chronology, and find it to be without possible flaw. It is a perfect and stupendous system; a consecutive one, and its evolution cannot have been other than supernatural. The year 1899-1-4—March, 1899—is the end of the age, and the beginning of the millennium, that is, of the seventh, or Sabbath, thousand years."

He covers pages with calculations, mathematically perfect to a hair, all based on passages of scripture and all of which unerringly as far as figures go tend to show that the world will face its Redeemer before Easter of next year.

Bacon as Food for Soldiers.

Of all of the meals supplied to the army, bacon is looked upon as the most valuable. It certainly is the easiest to handle, the most palatable and serves the greatest variety of purposes of any meat known. Properly cooked, bacon makes not only meat, but an excellent substitute for butter. As a rule, bacon is not sufficiently cooked to be most relished. It should be crisp so that it will break or very nearly so. A slice of bacon that cannot be cut with a fork is not cooked enough to acquire the best flavor. It is quiet out of the question to furnish butter for the use of the army, therefore bacon fat, heated until it smokes, is a substitute not to be lost sight of.—New York Ledger.

We Never Met Him.

An exchange sums up one of the newspaper man's trials and tribulations as follows:

The man who won't take a paper because he can borrow one has invented a machine by which he can cook his dinner by the smoke from his neighbor's chimney. The same fellow sits in the back pew in church to save interest on his contributions, and is always borrowing a ride to save the wear and tear on his own horseflesh. Yes, we know him. He is first cousin to the man who never winds his watch for fear of breaking the spring. He is undoubtedly a relative of the man who went into the yard last winter to soak his hair in water, let it freeze and then broke it off in order to cheat the barber out of a hair cut.

That good old-fashioned custom of presenting the editor with a thanksgiving turkey is still in vogue in the east. 'Nuff said.

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News From the Interior.

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Most of the glittering in the Klondike is done by the ice.—St. Louis Republican.

Not many of the Dawson mines are being worked. Most of them seem to be bought and sold on speculation.

There are about 15,000 in Dawson and 15,000 in the mines and prospecting, or from 30,000 to 35,000 people in and near Dawson.

The mines that are being worked are all from 15 to 20 miles from Dawson. The mouth of the Eldorado is 18 miles from Dawson.

There is talk of opening up several of the larger mines near Dawson, and there will probably be work for 600 or 800 people the coming winter.

There is a growing impression that most of the wealth in Alaska was brought there by people desirous of getting rich.—Washington Star.

If you should meet a man wearing a long, pain wrinkled, thoughtful face nowadays, do not jump at the conclusion that there has been a death in his family. He may have staked a Klondiker a few months ago.—Denver Post.

Wm. Ogilvie, Yukon administrator, has been appointed by the Canadian government to enquire into and report upon the alleged scandals among government officials at Dawson. The gold commissioner, Fawcett, has been removed.

A butcher named Murphy, hailing originally from Tacoma, who was driving in sheep for Dawson to be sent down the river in scows, is credited with the original discovery of the Atlin mines. The sheep in their wanderings along the bank of the creek turned up a little nugget. Murphy picked it up, investigated, and became a rich man. Unlike the average mortal, he decided to say nothing about his good luck, and went to work to dig out a fortune. He kept hard at it until supplies ran short, and then washed out a bag full of dust went to Skagway to buy grub with it. This operation was twice repeated and the circumstances that he could not have gone far for his treasure excited the curiosity of the storekeeper. He followed and the secret was out.

Cleverness.

There are many who consider cleverness lies merely in being able to do one or two things specially well. This is not so. A clever woman is one who looks well after the ways of her own household; a clever woman is one who undertakes nothing that she does not understand; a clever woman is one who is mistress of tact and knows how to make the social wheels run smoothly; a clever woman is one who acts like hot water on tea, she brings the sweetness and strength out of everybody else.—New York Ledger.

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Sir Thomas Lipton, who has caused a challenge to issue for the America's cup, takes occasion to explain that he is not a Scotch-Irishman or an English-Irishman. He says he is Irish from crown to sole. His yacht will be Irish in build and design. Sir Thomas remarks incidentally that the racial hyphen is overworked.

John B. Young, superintendent of the public schools of Davenport, Ia., is an almost perfect counterpart of the typical Uncle Sam of the cartoonists. A local paper declares that he has the same "goatee," with smoothly shaven cheeks, wrinkled by many smiles, while his mouth is firm and shows great determination of character.

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